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In re U.S. Patent Application of)
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Application Number: 10/090,767) **Art Unit 2157**
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Filed: March 6, 2002) **Examiner Emmanuel Coffy**
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For: CLUSTERING DISK CONTROLLER, ITS DISK)
CONTROL UNIT AND LOAD BALANCING)
METHOD OF THE UNIT)
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated July 27, 2005, the period for response to which is set to expire on January 27, 2006, with the payment of the appropriate government extension fee for three months. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: